

Library Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, January 3, 2013

Present:

Kathleen Ferris, Syd Farrell, Ann Descour, Kathryn Hoover, Cassandra Osterloh, Ceil van Berkel, Joe Sabatini, Susan Freed, Cheryl Harris, Linda Bahm, Eloise Gift.

Excused:

Toni Martorelli, Lauren Fernandez

Library Staff Present:

Dean Smith, Director, Cindy Burns, Assistant Director, Linda Morgan Davis, Assistant Director

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ceil van Berkel, Chair, at 5:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda Items

Agenda was approved.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from December 6, 2012 were approved.

Public Comments/Introduction of Guests

There were no guests.

Board President Report:

Ceil has set up a meeting with City executives, Gilbert Montoya and John Soladay, to discuss library budget issues. She will meet with Dean to discuss background issues. She will request a meeting with the Mayor when he is available. The goal will be for City Staff to try to get a personal understanding of the importance of the Library. The bond election will have the library materials bond included for \$2.75 million, which is \$275,000 short of the previous bond in 11. The Board members are asking each City Councilor to make up that loss of money.

The next gathering will be at Toni's for a dinner, January 25th, for a holiday gathering, welcoming new members as well as a goodbye party for outgoing Board members.

February 7th Board members will attend Library Legislative Day. Teams will deliver packets to Representatives and Senators to promote funding for the Library. Often the group takes the train or carpools and has lunch together. Ceil is preparing a letter for the packet and Kathy and Joe will review

the letter. The need for funding for Central and Unser will be mentioned. Ken Sanchez is asking for \$ 1.5 million to be used for furnishings. Board Members have the list of specific needs for each of the libraries.

Cassandra has offered to take over the email list and keep the webpage up to date as well as create a Facebook page. The advocacy email list now has 1111 email addresses.

Ceil will put out a call to get people together to help put packets together and contact everyone to see who is attending Legislative day. Ceil is working on a list of branches that the board members can advocate for to elected officials.

Next regular meeting of the Board will be March 7, 2013

Friends for the Public Library – Anne Descour is the liaison for the Friends board. She reported that the Friends are having a fundraiser with the movie Dr Zhivago , January 19th at the Kimo, during the “Books to Big Screen” program.

Director’s Report

Dean reports work is going on at the Juan Tabo Library. He reported on the funding background for the Juan Tabo project, specifically what a board member who might be contacting Trudy Jones should know. The Main Library had bond money for a new roof, however, it didn’t cost as much as estimated. A sizable chunk of that bond money for the Main Library (\$400,000) was used for Juan Tabo to get a new roof, carpet off the walls, and painting. The roof project pointed out some problems with roof vandalism, so the project now is to remove a wall to eliminate easy access to the roof and provide a site line in the back of the building. The project also involves removing concrete in front where the large tree has raised the concrete. Of course more things need to be attended to that need funding, such as the outdated 1982 landscaping.

The project at the Los Griegos Library is waiting for the City to approve the contract. Once a few more issues are resolved, the building will close for about a month or so. Several electrical problems with a dark entry will be resolved once the project is completed.

New Literacy Centers are coming to San Pedro and South Valley. They will be like the one at the Main Library, with activities and projects to take home all centered around literacy. We had enough grant money to do two additional centers. Dates for ribbon cutting will be announced. We will invite Councilors, Commissioners and Board Members once the dates are set.

Review of Action Items

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| All | Let the Mayor and Councilors know how important bond money is for materials and additional improvements for each library. |
| Ceil | Will send information about Library Legislative Day (Feb 7 th) to everyone. With Dean’s help she will draft a letter for the packet. She will put a call out to members for help |

putting packets together and get a count of who is attending. She will develop a list of libraries, and Board members assigned to them for advocacy to the elected officials in that district.

Cassandra Creating a Library Board Facebook page and taking over updating the website

Susan Will get a list of blogs that might distribute the information about bonds.

Go Round

Eloise – left messages for contacts from Councilors but didn't hear back. Will follow up. Ceil suggested finding when the Councilors have meetings such as coffee gatherings.

Syd – Sent Brad Winter a letter and got a response back. The Cherry Hills Library got chairs recovered. Mr. Winter's Policy Analyst, Jessica, told Syd that they are talking about providing funding to re-doing the parking lot and interior painting for the Cherry Hills Library. At Cherry Hills there are lots of things going on with programs – card making, preschool art, teen programs, Spanish literature book group, Gizmo Garage, etc.

Kathy – met Marina, the new supervisor at Los Griegos. The art display wall has the artwork of her husband. Marina did a display of books tied in with the art exhibit.

Joe – met the new City Councilor that lives across from Julia, Councilor Meyers. She is interested in education as a key component and she asked Joe some questions on literacy. County Commissioner O'Malley lives close to Joe, and Joe will continue to provide her with library information. Joe attended the last of the Centennial lectures at the Special Collections Library.

Cheryl – spoke to Rey Garduno and plans to talk to him again. She met the manager of the day at San Pedro as well as other staff. The Library is a very busy place. She would like to work with us on location on new library.

Susan – mentioned the study for a new library in district 6 – There are not many properties to fit the size or structural requirements we need. Cheryl wanted to know if we could get exact demographic info on card holders. Syd suggested the schools have a great deal of demographics. Dean has another study to share. There are not as many lots available to purchase.

Anne – going to approach Trudy to get some money for Juan Tabo furnishings.

Cassandra - trying to get in touch with Councilors to get on their calendars to discuss issues.

Linda – New Zealand has toy lending libraries. She had a question regarding eBooks lending period.

Ceil – had trouble with getting program information for the following month from the Taylor Ranch Library.

Adjournment – 6:25 p.m.

Next meeting – Thursday, March 7, 2013.